AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores software to be distributed, non-rewritable inherent ID information, a transmission program for transmitting the inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device, and a program for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of a computer and in said optical recording medium; and wherein said updated software is stored first in said memory device of said computer, and subsequently in said optical recording medium.

2. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores software to be distributed, non-rewritable inherent ID information, and a software updating program for rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from a software distributor via a communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information, and for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of a computer and in said optical recording medium; and wherein said updated software is stored first in said memory device of said computer, and subsequently in said optical recording medium.

3. (Previously Presented) An optical recording medium that is computer-readable and -writable, which medium stores software to be distributed, non-rewritable inherent ID information, a transmission program for transmitting the inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device, and a software updating program of rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from the software distributor via the communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information, and wherein said

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medium stores a program for causing updated software to be stored in a memory device of a computer and in said optical recording medium; and wherein said updated software is stored first in said memory device of said computer, and subsequently in said optical recording medium.

4. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium as claimed in claim 1, further storing a computer information acquiring program for acquiring information of said computer, wherein the transmission program transmits the information of the computer, as well as the inherent ID information, to the software distributor.

5. (Previously Presented) A method of updating software distributed and stored in a computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting non-rewritable inherent ID information to a software distributor via a communication device;

rewriting and updating the software in accordance with update software transmitted from the software distributor via the communication device based on an authentication judgment result of the inherent ID information; and

updating software in the computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium and in a memory device of a computer that is currently using the computer-readable and -writable optical recording medium;

wherein said updated software is stored first in said memory device of said computer, and subsequently in said optical recording medium.

6. (Cancelled)